THE COURTS.

Important to Pilots and Captains of

INTERESTING WILL SUIT.

SENDING SCURRILOUS POSTAL CARDS THROUGH THE MAILS.

CIGAR MANUFACTURE .-- A OURSTION OF REVENUE.

When the Kelly-Waterbury libel suft was called mp yesterday morning in Supreme Court, Chambers, before Judge Brady, on the motion to strike out portions of the answer, Mr. Waterbury stated that he was not ready to go on in the absence of his counsel, and asked to have it placed at the head of to-day's calendar. Judge Brady said he could not furnish counsel with springs to jump over other cases. The application was not pressed. Judge Donohue, of the Supreme Court, yesterday confirmed the report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the matter of laying out, widening and straightening Kingsbridge road, between 155th street and Harlem River.

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Yesterday morning the case of Carl Vogt was called on before Commissioner Kenneth G. White for decision on the point raised by counsel for the defendant that the matter should be remitted to some other Commissioner, Mr. White having already passed on the merits. Commismoner White said he saw nothing to disqualify him from again examining into the charge against the prisoner, who had been arrested in a egal manner under his warrant. He did not see how he could remit the examination to another Commissioner unless he were to dismiss the complaint altogether, and this would necessitate the issuing of a new wairant and a new complaint. He therefore decided to proceed with the exami-nation. The case was then set down for the 22d

Mile. Leoni Juvin, who is charged with having smuggled fifty silk dresses into this port from France, was brought up for examination yesterday morning before Commissioner Shields. Mr. st, United States Assistant District Attorney. appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Joseph Bell for the defendant. On the application of counsel for the delendant the examination was adjourned until Saturday next at twelve o'clock.

Among the indictments found by the Grand Jury of the General Sessions on Wednesday was one against Samuel Shapter, the proprietor of the Metropolitan Theatre, for keeping "a disorderly house." The charge really is for running the "cancan." The defendant appeared yesterday morning and gave ball to answer the charge.

IMPORTANT PILOTAGE CASE. Brewer vs. Sadier, et al.—The plaintiff, a li-censed pilot, brings this action against the captain and consignees of the steamer State of Indiana to recover pilotage fees, under the law which entities the first pilot offering his services to compensation, whether such services are accepted or not. He testified that while cruising for vessels on the 23d of October last, about 175 miles out, and off Nantucket Shoals, he discovered the smoke of a steamer some ten or twelve iles off; that he immediately ran a signal to the masthead and shaped a course to the northwest so as to cut her off; that his boat, the William H. Aspinwall, No. 21, got within half a mile of the steamer, which was discovered to be the State of Indiana, from Glasgow; that a second signal of "bo you want a pilot!" was then run up to the peak and the steamer halled, but at no time was a response received, the vessel continuing on her course. A number of the plaintid's associates gave similar evidence. On the part of the delence, while it was admitted that this was the first pilot offering, the chief officer and one of the passengers denied that the boat got nearer to them than seven or cight miles at any time, the captain testifying that his custom was to make for a pilot when not more than four points off his bow; that this one when discovered was a point of the beam, and at too great a distance for him to discover whether it was a New York pilot or belonged to some other of the eight or ten ports then nearer to him than this. He stated further that when lorty miles from Sandy Hook he took a steamer, which was discovered to be the State of mearer to him than this. He stated further that when forty miles from Sandy Hook he took a pilot, to whom he paid full "off shore" lees. Desendant's counsel moved for a dismissal of the complaint on the grounds that the State of New York had no authority to legislate upon the subject of pilot laws only as lar as they apply to neighboring waters, and could not compel a foreign vessel to submit to its jurisdiction at a distance of 180 miles from port; that there was no offering of services by plaintiff or refusal by delendants within the meaning of the act, and that the Captain's inability to discover that plaintiff was a New York pilot and his subsequently taking one are sufficient delences to this claim. taking one are sufficient desences to this claim. Judge Joachimson took the papers, and after examination rendered a judgment in plaintiff's lavor for the full amount claimed.

BARTHOLEMEW BLANCO'S WILL Yesterday morning the Surrogate's Court took to Spanish, all of the Spanish heirs and heiresses of the late Bartholemew Blanco being in court and a large array of counsel. It will be remembered without any ostentation amassed a fortune in this city of about two millions and a ball. The personal inventory looted up in stocks and bonds of par value to about one million. The rest is judiciously invested in real estate. Not even his most intimate friend, José F. Navarro, suspected that the decedent was so rich. He died leaving a will made in 1845, that was without a precise attestation clause, but was acknowledged in continental style before a notary public. This lunctionary is dead and so are the two witnesses. It is doubtful whether it can be admitted as a will. By this document it appears that he disclaims any marriage or morganatic connection, and excludes all the children of the world from his paternity. He distributes about \$60,000 in bulk among all the Catholic churches, and some \$3,000 to the poor of New York, with the Mayor as trustee. Then he gives the bulk of his estate to his relatives (who are mainly nephews and mieces) in Spain. These were in very humble circumstances, and of course are now affuent. They have come over in a body and are now in the city. Under a recent act of the Legislature by simply declaring intentions to become citizens they will be enabled, although altens antherro, to take even the real estate. The proceedings taken be ore Surrogate Hutchings yesterday consisted in cresenting the will for probate. As the case progresses doubtless many romantic incidents will develop.

MAILING SCURRILOUS POSTAL CARDS. The trial of Moses Chamberlain, who is indicted for having sent scurrilous postal cards through the mails to Aaron Von Valkenberg, was resumed yesterday morning in the United States Circuit Court, No. 27 Chambers street, before Judge Bene dict and a jury.

Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Gerding were again put on the stand, and their testimony was to the effect that some of the postal cards put in evidence were that some of the postal cards put in evidence were in Mr. Chamberlain's bandwriting. Letters which had passed between Chamberlain and Von Valkenberg were put in by the District Attorney, who alonged that Chamberlain wanted to extort money from Von Vaikenberg by addressing to him through the Post Office poetal cards on which scurrious observations were written. The next winness was Mr. Keating, an engraver, who testified that the cards were, in his judgment, in the handwriting of the same person who wrote certain letters which were shown to the witness for the purpose of making a comparison, and these letters, the prosecution along, we ewritten by the defendant Chamberlain. The surther bearing of the case was adjourned

A TOBACCO SUIT.

will be tried to-day in the United States Circuit Court, before Judge Shipman and a jury, involving an interesting question comerning the manufacture of cigars. The action is brought by T. R. Strick, a dealer in sobac o, vs. T. R. Coster, Collector of the Fourth district. The government set up that Strick did not make proper returns of curars manufactured by him out of leaf tobacco, and that they found out on examination of Strick's books that he must have made more eigers than shown in his returns from the quantity of leaf tooncoo he had used. The government allows its inspectors in ages where there is reason to some this false returns have made, to get at the number of cipars made from such sources as they can, and they assume that thirty pounds can, and they assume that thirty pounds it leaf tohacco will make at least 1,000 cigars. On this assumption they calculated that before owed the government a sum of \$37, on account of the cigars of which, as they alege, he and that they found out on examination of

had not made a return. Mr. Strick declares that it is a laise assumption on the part of the govern-ment to say that thirty pounds of leat tobacco will make 1,000 cipars, and that the government has taken a laise basis for any such assumption.

SUPREME COURT-CHAMBERS. By Judge Lawrence.

Matter of Jesse Newman.—Order granted.

SUPERIOR COURT-CIRCUIT-PART 1. SUIT AGAINST A CITY RAILBOAD COMPANY.

Before Judge Speir.

Last winter William Waiters, a boy, got on to
the front platform of a Grand and Forty-eighth
street car while in motion, and either directly fell
off or was pushed of, landing on a bank of snow
on the side of the track, which caused him to roll on the side of the track, which caused him to roll under the car, when he was run over and seriously injured. Suit was brougat against the railroad company for damages, and yesterday the case came to trial. The testimony was counficting as to whether he signalized the car to stop, but it was certain it did not stop. As to whether he jumped off or was pushed off the evidence also was conflicting. Judge Speir hald that the evidence of neglect on the part of the employes of the company was of too doubtrul a character to hold the company responsible, and so dismissed the complaint.

SUPERIOR COURT-SPECIAL TERM.

DECISIONS.

By Judge Sedgwick.

Weston et al. vs. Ketcaum.—Motion denied without costs and without prejudice to a new motion for a stay after disposition of appeal from judgment at present General Term.

Paiko vs. Kemp.—Motion denied; injunction dissolved.

Paike vs. Kemp.—Motion denied; injunction dissolved.

Potter vs. Wexeli et al.—Motion denied without costs. (See memorandum.)
Hawley et al. vs. Hannahs.—Order modified so as not to stay trial of issue.

Corwin vs. Byrd.—Motion granted unless defendant file within —— days bond with one surety to be approved, &c., in penal sum of \$10,000 to indemnity plaintiff and to pay him whatever on the accogning in this action shall appear due.

Hoffman vs. Treadwell.—Judginent for defendant on demurrer.

Payne, executrix,&c., vs. Derby.—Motion denied. (See memorandum.)

By Judge Freedman.

Roe vs. The Mayor, &c.—The motion for the continuance of the injunction denied, and the preliminary injunction dissolved, with \$10 costs. (See Opinioa.)

The People. &c. in the relation of David Wolf.

The People, &c., in the relation of David Wolf vs. Aaron Jacobs.—Attachment granted.
Trionne Association vs. Smith.—Order settled.
New York Catholic Protectory vs. Bleecker Street
and Fulton Ferry Raincoad Company.—Case settled and ordered on file.
White vs. Wordworth et al.—Order granted.
Same vs. Sime.—Findings of fact and conclusions of law signed.

COMMON PLEAS-SPECIAL TERM.

DECISIONS.
By Judge Larremore.
Vanderwelle vs. Callaban.—Findings and decree

By Judge C. P. Daly.

Beaumont vs. Kempton.—Motion denied. (See opinion.)
Gager vs. Van Nort.—Judgment for defendant on demurrer.
Oppenheuner vs. Edward.—Judgment for plain-

MARINE COURT-PART 3. A THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE BITE OF A DOG.

Before Judge Alker. Lizzie Edgington vs. Clara Douglas.-The plaintiff sued to recover the sum of \$1,000 for injuries received upon her person from the bite of a dog belonging to the defendant. It appeared that the plaintiff on the 3d of September last engaged board and lodging from the detendant, and that

board and lodging from the detendant, and that on the following day, on entering the room of the defendant, was attacked by the dog and bitten upon the arm, shoulder, back and addomen, from the effects of which she was confined to her bed for nineteen days, during which time she was under medical treatment.

The defence interposed was that the attack was justified, because the plaintiff entered the defendant's premises without her consent.

The Court charged that if the dog was a victous animal, and known to the detendant to be so, the defendant was liable for all victous acts committed by the dog; that the plaintiff did not foriest her right to protection in law-ally entering the defendant's premises, and was entitled to damages for any highres she might have sustained, if he jury believed her version of the case. Verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$1.000.

IMPORTANT TO INSURERS.

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Before Judge McAdam. Ankel et al. vs The Hibernia Insurance Com-\$1,000 on a fire policy issued by the defendants on a stock of goods belonging to plainting at No. 25 Howard street, in this city, and which goods were subsequently destroyed by fire. It appeared from the evidence that the plaintiffs did not procure the evidence that the plaintiffs did not procure their policy direct from the general agent of the company in New York, but through an insurance broker, and that at the time the fire occurred the premium, although it had been paid oy to be plaintiffs to the broker, had not been paid oyer by him to the agent of the company. After the fire occurred the broker tendered the amount of the premium to the agent, but he declined to receive it and the company refused to pay the insurance on the property destroyed. The Court held that the broker in this transaction was the agent of the plaintiffs and not of the defendants, and as the rules of the company provide that a policy shall be void unless the premium is paid before the loss occurs the Court directed a verdict for the defendants.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS. "RAT" REILLEY ON TRIAL FOR ALLEGEED BUR-GLARY UPON THE MILLIONNAIRE STREET BRO-KER'S PREMISES.

Before Recorder Hackett. Yesterday afternoon George Reilley, alfas Rat Reilley, who was jointly indicted with Robert Murray, charged with burgiary, was brought up for trial. The apartments occupied by Luther Bryant, No. 1 Forsyth street, were broken into on the 11th of October and \$70,000 in \$20 gold pieces. \$20,000 worth of postage stamps in sheets, a gold watch, a diamond ring, two umbrellas and two

waten, a diamond ring, two umbrellas and two revolvers stolen.

Assistant District Attorney Nolan in opening the case to the jury, said that he expected to show that one of the umbrellas identified by Mr. Bryant and some two cent postage stamps were traced to the possession of Reliey shortly after the burglary.

Counsel agreed, and the Court sanctioned the supnitation, that the testimony of the witnesses for the prosecution given on the trail of the prisoner Mu ray be read from the odicial stenograbler's notes. After the reading of the evidence of a number of witnesses the Court adjourned.

The trial will be flushed this morning.

SENTENCES.

Prances Meyer, who on the 28th of November stole a silk dress and a velvet cloak, valued at \$75, owned by Augusta Wright, pleaded guitty to an attempt at grand larceny. She was sent to the Penitentiary for one year. Benjamin Bell, indicted for stealing \$43 on the

9th of this month from James Collins, pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny. Edward F. Waelan also pleaded guilty, the allegation against him being that on the 8th of this aonth he appropriated to his own use \$250 with

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These prisoners were each sent to the State Prison for two years and six months.

Henry Gibson, who on the loth of this month stole \$54 in money from the store of James Gilbert, No. 88 Bleecker street, pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny.

William Clark, alias Larking, also pleaded to the same grade of crime, the charge against him being that on the 26th of November he stole a gold watch and chain worth \$140 from the person of John Corcoran.

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James M. Ryan, a little newsboy, was tried and convicted of petit larceny from the person. On the 27th of November he stole a silver waten from John Miller as he was getting out of a Toird avenue car, at the new Post Office building. This youth was sent to the House of Reinge.

Henry Schneider, who was charged with stealing on the 8th of this month twelve pairs of shoes valued at \$23, the property of Cammeyer & Na-on, pleaded guilty to petit farceny. The punishment inflicted was alx months in the Penitentiary.

Join Gallagher and Samuel Hammer ileaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery, and were each sent to the Penitentiary for nine months.

ACQUITTALS. Adolph Selig. a German waiter, who was charged with stealing clothing valued at \$27, belonging to Henry Hebeler, on the 30th of November, was tried and promptly acquitted.

Peter Monaghan was also acquitted of a charge of assault and battery preferred by Thomas Holden.

TOMBS POLICE COURT.

ANOTHER TRUNK ROBBERY. Before Judge Kasmire.

Some time since Henry Smith came to New No. 9 Battery place. He brought with him a trunk, or chest, in which all his worldly goods were kept. He paid his bills regularly, and during the early part of the week he left the house, leav-

Wechsier, Abrahams & Co., drawn on the Atiantic State Bank, of Brooklyn, and made payable to the order of James McCreery & Co.

Mr. Juckson questioned Walters very closely, and from the answers suspected that all was not correct. Officer Dymond, of the Broadway squad, took Walters into cuetody, and yesterday, when brought before Judge Flammer, at Jefferson Market Court, Mr. Jacob Wechsier, of the firm of wechsier, Abrahams & Co., also appeared, and testified that Walters was never in his employ, nor had any such letter or check emanated from the firm. The prisoner was fully committed to answer at the General Sessions.

A STOREMERPER'S DANGER On Wednesday evening George Henderson, alias William E. Burleigh, ailas D. P. Gardner, went into the jewelry store of Mr. W. L. Jenkins, No. 116 Eighth avenue, and asked to look at some gold ratches. After examining several which were shown him, another man came in, spatched up a watch valued at \$70 and ran out of the store. Mr. watch valued at \$70 and ran out of the store. Mr. Jenkins ran from behind the counter and out into the avenue, but best sight of the thief in a few moments. In the meantine lienderson was walking out of the store, but was detained by Mrs. Jenkins till her husband's return. Mr. Jenkins then accused Henderson of complicity in the tneit, and the latter at once brushed past and made his escape to the street. He was arrested, however, a few blocks of, by Officer Fay, of the Sixteenth precinct. Judge Flammer yesterday held the prisoner in \$1,000 bail to answer.

ESSEX MARKET POLICE COURT. ROBBED BY REE SON.

Before Judge Kilbreth. Abraham Hart, a young man about twenty years of age, was arraigned at the above Court yesterday on the complaint of his mother, Mrs. Catharine Hart, of No. 312 Grand street, who accused Abra-Hart, of No. 512 Grand street, who accused Auraham of stealing \$65 from her on the 13th of December. On that day Mis. Hart left her house in charge of her son and went out to visit some friends. When she returned she found her boy gone, and also discovered the above amount of nomey, which was locked up in a burean drawer, missing. Young Abraham did not return to his mother's house till last Wednesday, when he begged lorgiveness and promised to do better in inture. As Mrs. Hart had lost several articles of value before through her vagabond son she determined to punish him. Judge Kilbreth committed him yesterday in \$1,000 ball to answer.

COURT CALENDARS-THIS DAY. COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Held by Judge Brauy.—Nos. 25, 52, 53, 62, 19, 177, 181, 182, 189, 199, 216, 220, 229, 266, 284, 286, 305, 316, 318, 322.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM—Held by Judge Van Vorst.—Demurrer—No. 9. Issues of law and fact.—Nos. 138, 165, 168, 171, 176, 180, 181, 182, 191, 192, 198, 194, 104, 107, 6, 10, 49, 150, 203, 209, 210, 214, 222, 222, 225, 225, 228, 229, 231, 237.

SUPREME COURT—CHROUT—Part 2—Held by Judge Van Brunt.—Short causes.—Nos. 2250, 3214, 4416, 4385, 4418, 4114, 4282, 3800, 4302, 4234, 4986, 4503, 4419, 438, 3424, 4562, 4104, 3818, 4018, 4078, 3894, 4530, 4440, 3824, 4562, 4104, 3818, 4018, 4078, 3894, 4530, 4371, 4201, 4071, 4371, 4537, 4513, 4515, 4073, 7303, 43777, 3714, 4009, 4383, 4419, 4367, 4555, 4549, 3845, 7, 3802, 4467, 4405.

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SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—Part 1—Held by
Judge Speir.—Short causes.—Nos. 1394, 1472, 1473,
1224, 1323, 1429, 1391, 1001, 1398, 1197, 1432, 1534, 1559,
158, 1180, 857, 1325, 1114, 1434, 1447, 1633, 1624, 1613,
1631, 1288, 1652, 1203, 1273, 1425, 1501, 1446, 1536, 1651,
954, 1296, 01294, 1317, 1393, 1368, 1428, 1371, 1435, 1168,
1438. Part 2—Held by Judge Freedman.—Case on,
No. 38. No day calendar.
SUPERIOR COUNT—GREERAL TERM—Held by
Judges Moneil and Cutus.—Nos. 10, 48.
COMMON PLAS—TRIAL TERM—Part 1—Held by
Judge Larremore.—Nos. 225, 2099, 2106, 1876, 1650,
1256, 1244, 1252, 1098, 1190, 525, 732, 487, 96, 1101.
Part 2—Held by Judge Loew.—Nos. 2083, 1214,
2182, 1107, 1212, 1230, 968, 2238.
COMMON PLEAS—EQUITY TERM—Held by Judge
J. F. Daly.—Nos. 15, 46, 23, 96, 4

MARINE COURT—IRIAL TRIM—Part 1—Held by
Judge Joachimsen.—Nos. 574, 339, 940, 941, 944, 962,
2957, 385, 963, 963, 964, 970, 971, 977, 989. Part 2—Held
by Judge Shea.—Nos. 2720, 233, 894, 896, 785, 817, 556,
937. 892, 980, 981, 986, 987, 1010. Part 3—Held by
Judge Alker.—Nos. 1843, 1638, 167, 1689, 1959, 99,
1963, 1894, 2388, 1962, 2066, 1905, 2042, 1754, 1920.
COUNT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Held by Judge
Hackett.—The People vs. James McBride, Daniel
Leary, Thomas Smith, Thomas Harman, John
Ryan and Chris. Lohman, roobery; Same vs.
Thomas Shields and Patrick Moran, lelonous assauit and battery; Same vs. John Harris and
Henry Opperman, robbery; Same vs. Daniel Ferpuron, burglary; Same vs. Samuel Bradsbaw,
John Locuran, James Murphy, William Shand n
and Addis Clark, grand larceny; Same vs. John

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anu Addis Clare, graud larceny; Same vs. John
Thomas, ialse prefences; Same vs. John W.
Pearce and Henry Moore, petit larceny; Same vs.
Charlotte Saunders, felony; Same vs. Sarah Myers,
disorderly houses.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER—Held by Judge
Barrett.—The People vs. Henry Kohrs, Robert
Johnson, Frederick Bunger, Michael Trainor, John
Weeking, Dedrich Slowcsand and Charles Bottger, violation of the excise laws.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, Dec. 17, 1874. No. 129. The Ontario Bank, appellant, vs. The

No. 129. The Ontario Bank, appeliant, vs. The New Jersey Steamboat Company, respondent.—Argued by W. H. Araoux, of counsel for appellans, and by Charles Jones for respondent.

No. 780. The People, &c., plaintiffs in error, vs. Charles Dohring, defendant in error.—Argued by Ru.us W. Peckham, of counsel for appellant, and submitted for defendant in error.

No. 124. Margaret Corcoran, appellant, vs. Edwin W. Hobbrook et al., respondents.—Argued by R. A. Parmenter, of counsel for appellant, and by Irving Browne for respondents.

No. 146. The Second National Bank, of Watkins, appellant, vs. Gabriella Miller, respondent.—Passed.

Appendix, vs. Associated Paper Mills, appellant, vs. No. 147. The Waverley Paper Mills, appellant, vs. Wheeler H. Bristol et al., respondents.—On motion of Charles E. Parker, of counsel for respondent, judgment was affirmed by denait.

No. 149. Daniel Lowrey, respondent, vs. The Western Union Telegration Company, appelant.—Argued by George W. Soren of counsel for apapelant and by F. A. McCombie for respondent.

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Ordered that the term of this Court for the year
1875 be ned at the Capitol in the city of Albany,
commencing Tuesday, the 18th day of January, at
ten o'clock A. M., and that a calendar be made for
that term upon which shall be placed only such
causes as shall be noticed for argument at said
term, and in which notice of argument, with due
proof of service thereof, shall be flied with the
clerk of the Court on or before the 5th day of
January Bext. January next.

The following is the day calendar of the Court of Appeals for Friday, December 18:—Nos. 150, 152, 153, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159.

POLICE TRIALS.

SYMPATHETIC MR. BISSELL AND THE CIRCUS-RIDING BOUNDSMAN-OFFICER DEVLIN'S DE-PROTIVE ENOWLEDGE OF GOLD HILL, NEV. The trials of charges made by citizens against policemen were conducted by Commissioner Voorhis jesterday afternoon. During their progress there were several very interesting and humorous

occurrences.
Patrolman Charles A. F. Heyn, of the Thirty-first precinct, was charged by Henry Zeiger, of No. 2,265 Third avenue, with baving arrested and falsely charged him with being a swindler. Mr. Zeiger says he is an agent of the German-American Pire insurance Company. Officer Heyn, he swore, entered a lager beer saloon, and, calling him a swindler, arrested him. At the station house the policeman charged that Zeiger had swindled a number of people by representing himself as the agent of the above men. tioned company. He could produce no proof of his charges, and so Sergeant Delamater dismissed Mr. Zeiger. In his defence Heyn said that he could prove that Zeiger was not an agent of the German-American Company; that the Superintendent of the company would testify in his be half if the case were adjourned for a week. Commissioner Voornis therefore adjourned the trial. Officer William D. Dark, of the Twenty-first precinct, was charged by Stephen English, editor the Insurance Times, with having reused to arrest the drunken driver of a vender's wagon, who had run nus flery steed recklessly up Broad-way and against Mr. English, to the slight injury of that gentleman. Officer Dark denied that he

dence altogether showed that Mr. Bassell's heart goeth out in pity very often when it is undeserved, and so his charge against officer Pratt was dismissed.

Officer William Stein, of the Twenty-ninth precinct, called Mrs. Ann Mooney some hard names on the sth list. He has owed Mrs. Mooney 12 for a long time, half of which sum Chiel Clerk Hawley ordered him to pay on the day mentioned and the remainder on the sth of January. When Mrs. Mooney called for the first instalment of the money he rebuffed her, and under his breath, so that no one but herself could hear, called her disreputable names. Commissioner voorhis gave Stein a week within which to pay the first half of the disreputable names. Commissioner voorhis gave Stein a week within which to pay the first half of the disreputable names. Commissioner voorhis gave Stein a week within which to pay the first half of the force in 1869 Stein has made a very bad record, having been fined fifty-four days' pay.

Officer B. J. Beviin, of the Teath precinct, was complained of by a boy named Thomas Nuzent. The youth was pedding at the corner of the Bowery and Canalistreet, when he was assailant, just as officer Devlin was approaching the scene of the dissecuity. Devlin followed and canght him, and cuffed and kicked him. He then released the boy, who was approached by Mr. John Taylor, of Nevada, an employe of S-nator Jones. Mr. Taylor had seen the cyltre trouble, so he advised young Nugent to complain against Devlin. That officer's first detence was that Nuyent had caused them and arrested the listier. Next morning a masistrate discharged Nugent. The officer's first detence was that Nuyent had caused a disturbance, and had struck a great burly fellow, whom he produced as a witness. Then he made another explanation, and charged that both Nugent and Taylor had reasons for troubling him. The latter, he said, had a difficulty with him in field Hill, Nev., seven years ago. Mr. Taylor was greatly astonished at this charge, and, after again looking at Devlin, he declared earnes

NEW YORK CITY.

The several Masonic lodges of the city and

A special meeting of the Seamen's Protective Association will be held at three o'clock his afternoon in Botanic Hall, No. 68 East Broadway. Professor J. S. Newberry, of Columbia College, will lecture this evening, before the Young Men's Christian Association, at Association Itali. Sub-ject, "Prehistorio Man in America."

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The American Express Company very kindly deliver all Christmas gifts to the "House of the Good Shepherd," Rockland county, free of charge. Patrons will please send parcels to Cruzer's station, on the Budson River Railroad, and money to Antiony B. McDonald, Treasurer, No. 56 Wall street, New York.

All the goods remaining from the fair of the

Church of the Strangers will be sold at auction at Mme. Demorest's, No. 838 Broadway, tols evening, commencing at half-past seven o'clock. This will adord an excellent opportunity for securing arti-cles for holiday gifts and at the same time aiding a wortry cause.

At the annual meeting of the Columbia Yacht Club, held at their rooms on Tuesday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—R. McWhinney. Commodore; E. H. Osborn, Vice Commodore; James A. Smith, Secretary; Robert Wilson, Treasurer; William Coppersmith, Measurer; J. P. Smith, Steward. The Duck Commissioners met yesterday after-

noon. The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined all the bills submitted and found with the express purpose of going to Richmond them correct. The total amount of the bills was \$41,790 45. A communication was received from the Houston Street Ferry Company accepting the terms of the lease as fixed by the Board at their The Executive Committee (Bowery branch) of

the Young Men's Christian Association have reduced the price of meal tickets from \$10 to \$5 per duced the price of meal tickets from \$10 to \$5 per 100, in order to afford business men the opportunity of relieving applicants without giving them money. Tickets may be purchased at No. 134 Bowery, or Association Hail, corner of Twenty-third street and Fourth avenue.

A ladies' bazaar will be opened to-day and for the balance of the month in Tronor's new hall,

No. 1,266 Broadway, for the benefit of the Indus No. 1,266 Broadway, for the benefit of the Industrial Home. This institution is not incorporated, but depends for its support upon the large-sees of the charitable. To intrieer this end a lair will be held at Irenor's new hail, Nos. 1,266 and 1,288 Broadway, from this day to the 31st of December. The object of the charity is to afford temporary shelter for homeless women and girls. There are no limitations imposed as to age, retigion, astionality or color. Three hundred and eigrav-line persons we, e received and cared for during the year 1873. So generous a charity deserves the helping hand of all disposed to perform good works.

BROOKLYN.

Judge Moore, in the Court of Sassions yester-day, sentenced George Ambrose, for indecent as-sault, to the Penitentiary for four years and ten months.

Mrs. Perrin, of No. 433 Pulton street, was robbed of a set of diamond earrings, valued at \$300, yes-terday. The rogue effected an entrance to her apartments during her temporary absence. Last evening a fair in aid of the House of the

Good Shepherd, East New York, was opened at the Academy of Music. The receipts will be devoted toward liquidating the cost of the newly erected building of that most charitable of Christian orders.

The Commissioners of Charities will on Monday next commence the distribution of supplies to the poor from each of the five stor-houses established. The orders given will be for \$1 and \$1.50 worth of groceries, according to the requirements of the applicants for relief.

There is quite a contest going on in the City Court just now between the democratic managers over the appointment of chief clerk in that Court

over the appointment of chief clerk in that Court over the appointment of chief clerk in that Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of ar. steepen J. Colands. Ex-Register McLaughlin is urg ng the appointment of ex-Congressman william E. Robinson, and Judge McLue lawors the selection of Mr. Charles J. Lowery, a clerk in the Dime Savings Bank.

Argument on an appeal from the order of Judge Pratt was near d in the cases of Royal and Ru-

Pratt was neard in the cases of Royal and Rudolph Sammia, indicated for murder in the second
degree, before Justices Barnard, Tappen and
Donnhue, resterday. Judge Prutt, it will be remembered, denied the motion of the counsel for
defence for a change of vetu. It was claimed
that a lair trial could not be had in Suffock county,
where the evidence of public sentiment against
the applicant is strong. The Court reserved its
decision.

LONG ISLAND.

Two officers were placed in St. Mary's Romat Catholic cource, Hunter's Point, on Wednesday as threats were made to burn the edifice. G. Bransing, or Dutch Kills, attempted to mir-

der his wife and daughter yesterday morning. But for the timely arrival of Officer Winnoca, who, after a severe struggle, succeeded in disarming him of a large fish knife, he would have accomplished his threat.

Commissioner Lincoln, of the First district of Queens county, gives notice that he was several free scholarships in Cornell University to award to school children in the district who can passed

wharf, caused by New York runners, who endeavored to persuade the crew to leave the vessel for better situations in New York. One half the crew consented, and the others refusing a general midde ensued, during which one of the mutineers was seriously stabled in the side. Those who refused to accompany the runners had their clothes and valuables destroyed, and were saved from inriher molestation by the timely arrival of Officers Moran, Donegan and Hunt. The mutineers succeeded in escaping.

The consecration of the new Episcopal Church of the Resurrection at Richmond Hill, in Jamaica

The consecration of the new Episcopal Church of the Resurrection at Richmond Hill, in Jamaica township, took place yesterday, the ceremonies, under the direction of the Right Rev. A. N. Little-john, commencing at half-past eleven o'clock. The vestry of Grace church, Jamaica—o' which the Richmond Hill church was formerly a mission—joined with the vestry of lie new church on the occasion. The Bishop was assisted by the Rev. Thomas Cook. Rev. Charles H. Babcock, Rev. Henry M. Beare, D. D.; Rev. Robert T. Pearson, Rev. G. Williamson Smith, Rev. Newland Maynard, Rev. J. Carpenter Smith, Rev. Samuel Cox, D. D.; Rev. Heman Drer, Rev. Caleb B. Ellsworth and Rev. William T. Pitch, and the services were continued in the evening, when there was a sermon by the Missionary Bishop of Oregon.

WESTCHESTER.

terday the Board of Supervisors again adjourned until next week.

A fierce fight took place between two convicts employed in the shoe shop at Sing Sing Prison a day or two since, during which one of the san-guinary jail birds planged a shoe katle into the other's abdomen, inflicting a wound which may be attended with fatal results.

Through the vigilance of a night watchman a plot to burn down the cabinet shop at Sing Sing Prison was frustrated a night or two ago. A lot of comoustible material, which had evidently been arranged by some of the convicts, was found ignited and smouldering shortly after the fall-birds had been marched from the shop to their cells.

It is understood upon good authority that hould the friends of Edward S. Stokes fall to obtain a pardon for him from Governor Dix they will at ouce inaugurate energetic efforts to habens corpus his final release from Sing Sing on the ground that the commutation of time allowed by law for good conduct covers the period of his incarceration in the Tombis, and that on this construction of the statute he is entitled to a discharge.

Apprehensive of an unusual amount of destitution in the county during the approaching winter months, the Superintendents of the Poor, in their annual report to the Board of Supervisors, asked for an appropriation of \$22,000, being \$2,000 in excess of the sum appropriated last year. For some reason not explained, however, the committee to whom the matter was referred reported in layor of allowing only \$10,000, and it was so ordered by the Board. It is understood that the custing off of the annexed towns is the reason assigned for this sweeping curtailment of the provision for the poor, although the towns indicated have herefolier sent less paupers to the Almshouse than any others in the county. tion in the county during the approaching winter

STATEN ISLAND.

Coroner Lea, of Stapleton, held an inquest yesterday upon the body of George Pritchard, who was found dead in bed on Wednesday, about twelve o'clock, at his residence on St. John's ave-nue, Chiton. The jury found that he died of heart

An examination of the books of the town assessors by the Supervisors of Richmond county reveals ors by the supervisors of recommended county ferences in memorous apparent irregularities and inconsistencies in the manner of making the as-essments, and it is probable that some, if not all, of the books will be sent back for correction.

Since the recent desperate fight with burglars

at Bay Ridge the people of Staten Island are takat Bay Ridge the people of Staten Island are taking all necessary precautions to protect their
houses and goods in case of similar incursions.
During the last few days a number of well dressed
men have been seen about the outskirts of Chiton
and Port Richmond villages, in some cases making
inquiries of children and servants as to the residents in the vicinity. All such occurrences are
now regarded as suspicious.

On Monday last a well dressed man, who said he

was from New York, hired a horse and wagon at William Noble's livery stable, at Clifton landing. and returning the same day. That was the last heard of the team until yesterday, when it was ascertationed that the man drove to Tottenville that night, and offered \$10 to get over to Amboy after the ferryboat had ceased ranning. He did not cross, however, until the next morning; but there all trace of him was lost.

NEW JERSEY.

The number of deaths in Hudson county for the past five months were as follows:—July, 437; August, 459; September, 384; October, 355; November, 211. Total, 1,946. Of the deaths in November, 180 were in Jersey City, 51 in Hoboken and 35 in the remainder of the county. There were 147 males and 164 femiles. The number of suicides and (atal accidents in November was 41.

The Delaware and Lackswanna Company cannot interfere with the construction of the Hudson River tunnel till they obtain a judgment in the Supreme Court, and this cannot be had for some months. Judge Bedie's order for the appointment of commissioners to condemn lands and assess damages was a victory for the tunnel men. In the meantime the work is progressing rapidly and satisfactorily.

Major Traphagen, of Jersey City, positively refuses to sign the warrants for salaries as judges of election of those persons who hold other offices election of those persons who had other omces under the city government. A staff of such ludges, holding clerkships and other omces, were in the nabit of bleeding the city in this way, con-trary to the charter, till ex-mayor O'Neill discov-ered the system and killed it with his veto. The present Mayor takes a similar view.

An incendiary fire consumed the frame dwelling house of Mr. John Rouse, on Palisade avenue, near the Paterson plank road, Jersey City, yesternear the Paterson plank road, Jersey City, yester-day morning, acout four o'clock. The house was moccupied at the time, Mr. Rouse an I his family being away, it is su, posed, on a visit. The un-scasonableness of the hour and the long distance from a fire company combined to give the fire such headway that the building, with its con-tents, was entirely destroyed. There was abundant evicence that the house was fired by thieves. The loss on house and furniture was \$5,000; insured for \$1,000.

SMALLPOX IN JERSEY CITY.

In spite of the precautions adopted by the Board of Health of Hudson county, N. J., to prevent the spread of smallpox, that dreaded mainty is on the increase. A hospital has been erected specially increase. A hospital has been erected specially for such patients on the county grounds at Snake Hall, and ambulances are being constructed under the direction of the Board of Freenoiders. Four weeks ago there were just half a dozen patients; yesterday there were twenty. The number of latal cases during the month of November was six. The disease during the month of November was six. The disease has been so virulent that only five per cent of the patients have recovered. Between the Board of Freeholders and the physicians composing the Board of Health the construction of county ambulances has been delayed. The Freeholders, at their meeting yesterday, spent over half an nour in discussing the question whether the driver of the ambulance should live at the nospital and what would be the chances of the horse in escaping the disease.

THE PAULIST FATHERS' MISSION. The mission which was opened by the Fathers of

St. Vincent de Paul, Fifty-nin;h street, last Sunday week, in St. Mary's church, Jersey City, is meeting with wonderful success. Last week was devote exclusively to the women; this week is given over to the sanctification of men. The church is crowded both at the morning and evening ser-vices. The cleraymen conducting the mission are latters beston, killott, Brady and Dwyer. The collections taken up on the sundays during the mission are applied to the fund being raised for the erection of the new church and House for the mission are applied to the fund being raised for the erection of the new cauren and flouse for the l'aulist Fathers, on the grounds at present owned by them adjoining their church. The designs for the structure show that it will be second to no Catholic chu che didee in this city, excepting the new cathedral. The mission will close next Sunday.

Ing his trumb behing. An acquaintance of Smith's called at No. 9 lattery pince yearstrain attenuous and can be made to present a street to arrest the reckless driver, but the called at No. 9 lattery pince yearstrain attenuous and can be made on the called at No. 9 lattery pince yearstrain attenuous and can be made on the called iributed to the present enforced regularity of his life and the salubrity of the air of the leiand. He occupied a seat behind his counsel and was surrounded by several of his relatives and riends, notable among whem were Mr. William M. Tweed, Jr., Richard Tweed, Foster S. Dewey and Mr. Charles Devile. He conversed in low tones and confidentially with these gentlemen, and throughout the short pro-ceedings in Court manifested that quiet, calm and firm demeanor that characterized him in the old days. There was, however, wanting that look of defant confidence inseparable from the expression of his countenance in the palmy time of Tammany rule. It was clear from the keen interest in and his anxious listening to the object tions raised by his lawyers that his hope of speedy liberty is founded in the belief that the uncertainties of the law will be ultimately his deliverer from bondage. On the adjournment of the hearing of the case to Tuesday morning next hr. Tweed with his counsel, his sons and Warden Liscom retired to the private room of the Judge, and there he held a confidential conversation with his senior counsel, David Dudley Field and ex-Judge Comstock, Mr. Foster Dewey being an attentive listener. Mr. Tweed during this conversation had put on his overcoat and his hat, which was a low crowned feit, one of the fall style. This gave him a much younger look than the lofty silk hat, which is his usual wear. When his counsel left him and Warden Liscomb linked his arm in his his countenance showed that he had a realiz ing sense that he was not a free man. A shadow of sadness fell upon his face, and he walked along the corridors of the court to the front entrance of the Court House, in Champers street, where his own carriage was awaiting him. Before the door was closed his sons shook hands with him and bid

was closed his sons shook hands with him and bid him "good bye," and the ecachman turned the horses' heads toward Centre street, and he and the Warden were driven to the Punitentiary.

FROCEEDINGS IN COURT.

Mr. Tweed's counsel were present in full force—Ex-Judge Comstock, David Dudley Field, John Burrill, William Bartlett and Elibu Root. District Attorney Phelps and Wm. H. Pecksum appeared on behalf of the people. With all this array of counsel, however, and not withstanding what Tenlyson says in "Maud Muller" about

Weary lawyers, with endless tongues. the talk this time was brief and did not touch at all upon the merits of the case as they are to be hereafter presented.

Mr. Field said they had come into Court on a writ of habeas corpus, granted on the petition of William M. Tweed. He asked that the Warden of the prison, whom he saw in Court, make his return.

Mr. Phelps said the Warden had produced the

return.

Mr. Phelps said the Warden had produced the body of the person named in the indictment, but the petition was a repetition of that used on a former occasion, when the Court granted the writ. He moved that the present writ be dismissed.

Mr. Field said he wanted an explicit answer to dismissed this question, Was there a return? Was a judge to quash the writ of another without any return before him?

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Mr. Field replied that he had no such thing in
Court. It did not belong to the Oyer and Terminer, but to the Judge to whom it was addressed.

Mr. Phelps then produced a paper which he said
was a return annexed to the writ.

Mr. Field promptly handed in a traverse to the
return, of which the following is a copy:—

TRAVERSE TO THE RETURN.

Court of Oyer and Terminer, City and county of New York.—
The people on the relation of William M. Tweed against
Joseph I. Liscomb. The answer of William M. Tweed to
the return of Joseph L. Liscomb made to the writ of
habeas corpus in this case.

Said William M. Tweed to the county of the indement of any
court. The connection furtisation which in terms authorize or purports to authorize the issuing of the pretended
warrant of commitment, a copy whereof is annexed to
said return.

Second—That there is no record of the indement of any
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warrant of commitment, a copy whereof is annexed to and return.

Second—That there is no record of the indement of any court of competent jurisdiction which in law or fact did or does authorize the issuing of the said warrant of com-

or does authorize the issuing of the said warrant of comminion.

Third—That the court from which the said warrant of commitment amexed to the said recurn purports to have been issued had no jurisdiction nor power to try the alicerd misdemeanors mentioned in the said warrant of commitment.

Fourth—That the pretended jury by whom this relator is slieged in the said warrant to have been tried and convicted was not a having jury, and had no jurisdiction or power to try the said supposed offences of to render any vardict respecting the same.

M. A. That the alieged judgment, in execution of

or power to try the sain supposed onences of to reader any viridic respecting the sains.

Fi.b.—That the alloged judgment, in execution of which the said presented warrant of commitment was issued, was and is absolutely void for want of jurisdiction to tender the sain of the sain one that and the presented conviction of the presented trial and the presented conviction of the presented trial and the presented conviction of the presented trial and the presented and no fine greater than 3250 could be pronounced or adjudgred against him, and that for such alleged misdemerator and conviction the relator has already been imprisoned for more than one year under said presented warrant and has paid a fine of \$1.50.

Seconth—That if the said one year's imprisonment was lawful, which the relator denses, each and every presented seutence of the said tour warrant and was and is void.

was condemned to any inducer of other rold.

Pighth—That the term of the relator's imprisonment ander the said pretended warrant of commitment has *Xiired. That the said pretended warrant of commit ment does not conform to any judgment or pretended judgment of any court, and is not warranted or author

judgment of any court and is not warranted or authorized by the saule.

Ten'A-That the sail warrant of commitment is void for want of a specification of the offence or offences whereof its pretended that the relator was convicted, eligned and sworn to by) William M. TWEED. whereof it is pretended that the relator was convicted, is ligned and sworn to by) William M. TWEED. POSTPONEMENT OF THE ARGUMENT.

Mr. Phelps asked for time to determine whether he would demut to the traverse or join issue.

Mr. Field said that, bearing in mind the suggestions of the Court some days ago, he would suggest that the detence state what their proofs are, put them in, have the Court pass upon them, and without any extended argument at the General Term, have the matter before the Court of Appeals the first Monday in January, and have a certierari issued on the 23d. They wanted to prove that the indictment was made on the complaint of Mr. Peckham, that the record had been altered, that the verdict of the jury was one thing and the record another, and then the motion to correct, which was denied.

Mr. Phelps said he did not want to place any obstacle in the way of the speedy disposal of the matter, but he required a little time.

Judge Comstock said they were in hopes of disposing of the matter to-day in five minutes, but if the public prosecutor wantel time he should have it.

Mr. Field suggested that the writ be considered

have it.

Mr. Field suggested that the writ be considered to be before His Honor as Judge of the Oyer and Terminer and Supreme Court, to which the judge assented.

The case was then adjourned to next Tuesday, and the prisoner remanded, as stated above, meantime, to the custo ly of the warden.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTE OF THE STATE GRANGE.

The Executive Committee of the State Grange of the State of New York were in section yesterof the State of New York were in session yester-day at the International Hotel. The committee comprised Mr. W. G. Wayne, Seneca Palls, N. Y.; Mr. S. R. Pratt, Carthage, N. Y., and Mr. John O'Donnell, Jamaica, N. Y. This Order, better known as the Patrons of Husbandry, is one of the most extensive in the United States, and has at present some 21,572 granges, representing at least 2,000,000 persons that make their living by farm-ing. The primary objects of the Order is to bring the producer and consumer as cicae together in a business noint of view as possible and also to induce the producer and consumer as ciose together in a business point of view as possible and also to induce farmers to arrange their little differences by arbitration rather than by litigation. In the Blate of New York there are about three hundred subordinate granges, representing about thirty thousand farmers, and this committee has been making arrangements to find the best market for their produce and the chappest manner of buying everything they may require, such as articles of husbandry, somewhold goods, lavies' goods, &c.

They have been represented since October in two large stores in this city, where their produce has been sold on very advantageous terms, and during this visit they have concluded several purchasing contracts that will prove an immense saving in expense to the members of their organization. For many years farmers have been in the habit of purchasing from country's ores and manufacturers on credit and paying enormous prices and heavy interest. Now,

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